

School Apportionments

Under California's system of school finance, general education funding is apportioned to school districts and county offices of education through a revenue limit system. Each school district has a specific revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) that is funded through a combination of local property taxes and state General Fund aid. In effect, the state provides enough funds to make up the difference between each district's property tax revenues and its revenue limit.

This section describes the fiscal changes enacted by the Legislature through the 1999 Budget Act and accompanying trailer legislation. In addition to school district and county office of education base revenue limits, there are a number of other discrete programs funded through the principal apportionment system. These programs include Adult Education, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), and Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/Ps). Each program is presented separately in this section.

School District Revenue Limits

Budget Act Item: None—Statutory Appropriation
Assembly Bill 1115, Chapter 78, Section 26
Education Code sections 42238 through 42250.1

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- A 1.41 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is provided for K–12 revenue limits. This amount is equivalent to \$58 for elementary school districts, \$70 for high school districts, and \$60 for unified districts, based on statewide average base revenue limits before the deficit factor is applied.
- Deficit factor is reduced to 6.996 percent (93.004 percent funded).

CDE Staff Comments

The final date to correct 1998-99 P-2 ADA for inclusion in 1999-00 P-1 apportionment is October 15, 1999. See the “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for additional information regarding other key reporting dates.

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Adult Education Program

Budget Act Item 6110-156-0001

Education Code sections 52610 through 52616.24

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$508.6 million is provided from the General Fund, a 2.5 percent increase for growth. This amount includes \$4.4 million to fund a 1.41 percent cost-of-living adjustment.
- \$17.5 million was previously apportioned to the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program for educational activities under CalWORKs. Activities eligible for funding are limited to those designed to increase self-sufficiency, job training, and employment.
- A \$25 million General Fund augmentation for CalWORKs is provided without a permanent increase in ADA caps. These funds may be used either in an Adult Education setting or in the Regional Occupational Center/Program setting. Local educational agencies must first meet a CalWORKs maintenance-of-effort level and fully claim existing ADA caps to be eligible for these additional funds.

CDE Staff Comments

Funding for this program is based on ADA as reported on Form J-18/19, Report of Attendance. Entitlements are calculated on Form S of the K–12 Revenue Limit forms. The \$32 million

specified for CalWORKs recipients will be apportioned only after LEAs have fully claimed their Adult Education cap. These funds are planned for apportionment at the First Principal Apportionment on February 20, 2000. See the "Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments" (Appendix 1) for additional information on the dates when data are required to be reported to the California Department of Education.

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Adults in Correctional Facilities Program

Budget Act Item 6110-158-0001

Education Code sections 41840 through 41841.8

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$16.3 million is provided from the General Fund, a 5.2 percent increase for growth. This amount includes \$347,000 to fund a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).
- Apportionment for each LEA is capped at the 1997-98 level, adjusted for growth and COLA.
- Growth shall first be allocated to LEAs with 20 or fewer ADA up to an additional 20 ADA.

CDE Staff Comments

Funding for this program is based on the lesser of current-year expenses or 80 percent of the adult education statewide average revenue limit multiplied by reported 1998-99 ADA. The 1999-00 amount, however, may not exceed the amount received in the 1998-99 fiscal year, adjusted for growth and COLA. Data needed to calculate this apportionment must have been submitted on Form J-152 to the California Department of Education by September 24, 1999. The Department will apportion these funds in November 1999.

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Apprenticeship Program

Budget Act Item 6110-103-0001

Education Code sections 8150 through 8156

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$9.5 million is provided from the General Fund, an increase of \$1.2 million.
- The reimbursement rate for each 60-minute hour of teaching time is \$4.86, an increase of 15 percent.
- New or expanded programs, to be eligible for state funding, require the approval of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

CDE Staff Comments

Funding for this program is based on the number of teaching hours per student that is reported on Form J-18/19, Report of Attendance. The P-1 Form J-18/19 is due on January 15, 2000. See the "Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments" (Appendix 1) for additional information regarding dates when data are required to be reported to the California Department of Education.

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Community Day Schools Program

Budget Act Item 6110-190-0001

Education Code sections 48660 through 48664

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$30.4 million is provided from the General Fund, a 49 percent increase from 1998-99. This amount includes \$423,000 to fund a cost-of-living adjustment.
- School districts under 2,501 ADA may apply for a waiver to receive funding not to exceed the amount for the necessary small high school formula for up to one teacher.

CDE Staff Comments

Community day schools are funded at \$4,000 per ADA (fifth and sixth hour additional attendance) for school districts and at \$3,000 per ADA for county offices of education. The hourly rate for the seventh and eighth hours of attendance is \$4.00. Community day schools are required to document costs and to certify that 90 percent of the total funds expended were actually spent on the program.

Funding for this program is based on ADA as reported on Schedule Z of the K–12 Revenue Limit forms. See the “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for the dates when this information is required to be reported to the California Department of Education.

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County Offices of Education

Budget Act Item: None—Statutory Appropriation

Education Code sections 2550 through 2573

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- A cost-of-living adjustment of 1.41 percent is provided.
- Deficit factor is reduced to 8.628 percent (91.372 percent funded).

CDE Staff Comments

The final due date for correcting 1998-99 ADA for inclusion in the first principal apportionment (P-1) is October 15, 1999. See the “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for additional information regarding reporting deadlines for 1999-00.

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Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

Budget Act Item 6110-124-0001

Education Code sections 52200 through 52212

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$49.6 million is provided from the General Fund, a 1.47 percent increase for growth. This amount includes \$690,000 for a 1.41 percent COLA.

CDE Staff Comments

Funding for this program is based on prior-year ADA or on the number of pupils participating in GATE for either one or two semesters, depending on the size of the district. This information is separately reported on the Form J-22 Supplement. GATE Form J-22 for the first principal apportionment must be sent to the

department by January 15, 2000. See the “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for additional information regarding dates when data are required to be reported to the California Department of Education.

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Necessary Small School Funding

Budget Act Item: None—Statutory Appropriation
Education Code sections 42280 through 42289.4

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- A 1.41 percent cost-of-living adjustment is provided for Necessary Small School Funding.

CDE Staff Comments

Entitlements for this program are calculated on Schedule F of the K–12 Revenue Limit forms. The tables that follow display the Necessary Small School funding formulas that qualifying districts or schools may elect in lieu of revenue limit-based support.

Elementary schools. For an elementary school district with a single school with less than 97 ADA, and for each qualifying necessary small elementary school within a school district of less than 2,501 ADA, the 1999-00 Necessary Small School amounts will be computed either on the school’s ADA or on the number of full-time teachers, whichever provides the lesser amount.

**Table 5 • Necessary Small School Amounts,
Elementary Schools**

Number of Teachers	ADA	Estimated Amount
1	1–24	\$ 95,550
2	25–48	191,100
3	49–72	286,650
4	73–96	382,200

High schools. For a high school district with a single school with less than 287 ADA, and for each qualifying necessary small high school within a district of less than 2,501 ADA, the 1999-00 Necessary Small School amounts will be computed either on the school's ADA or on the number of full-time equivalent certificated employees assigned to the school, whichever provides the lesser amount.

Table 6 • Necessary Small School Amounts, High Schools

Certificated Employees	ADA	Estimated Amount
2 or less	1–19	\$77,580
3	1–19	344,940
4	20–38	422,520
5	39–57	500,100
6	58–71	577,680
7	72–86	655,260
8	87–100	732,840
9	101–114	810,420
10	115–129	888,000
11	130–143	965,580
12	144–171	1,043,160
13	172–210	1,120,740
14	211–248	1,198,320
15	249–286	1,275,900

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Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/Ps)

Budget Act Items 6110-105-0001

Education Code sections 52300 through 52335.10

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$327 million is provided from the General Fund, including \$4.4 million for a 1.41 percent cost-of-living adjustment.
- \$1.2 million is designated for educational activities for CalWORKs-eligible recipients. Allowable activities are limited to those designed to increase self-sufficiency, job training, and work. There is an additional \$17.5 million appropriation for CalWORKs-eligible recipients in Item 6110-156-0001. Those funds may also be used for Regional Occupational Centers/Programs (ROC/Ps).
- A \$25 million General Fund augmentation is provided, without an increase in ADA caps, for the purposes noted above. These funds may be used in either an Adult Education setting or an ROC/P setting. Local educational agencies (LEAs) must first meet CalWORKs maintenance-of-effort levels and fully claim ADA caps before qualifying for these additional funds. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction may not allocate funds to an LEA until it certifies that the specified services have been provided.
- The ROC/P program is declared ineligible for longer-school-year incentive funding.

CDE Staff Comments

Funding for this program is based on ADA reported on Form J-18/19, Report of Attendance. Entitlements are calculated on Form R/Y of the K-12 Revenue Limit forms.

Education Code Section 52335.4 prescribes the formula to calculate the pro rata share of the allowed-growth ADA. The allowed-growth ADA will be based on the prior-year ADA in grades 9–12 for school districts served by the ROC/Ps. This number is measured against the total statewide prior-year ADA in grades 9–12. The School Fiscal Services Division will provide LEAs with the allowed-growth ADA by ROC/P in November 1999. Funding will be apportioned at the first principal apportionment (P-1) on February 20, 2000.

The \$26.2 million specified for CalWORKs recipients will be apportioned only after the LEAs have fully claimed their ROC/P cap and certified that services have been provided to recipients eligible for CalWORKs. These funds will be apportioned at the first principal apportionment (P-1) on February 20, 2000. See the “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for additional information regarding dates when data are required to be reported to the California Department of Education.

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Summer School/Supplemental Instruction Program

Budget Act Items 6110-104-0001

Assembly Bill 1115, Chapter 78/99, Section 27

Education Code sections 37252 through 37253 and 42239

1999-00 Budget Provisions

- \$110.1 million is provided from the General Fund for remedial summer school, a 14 percent increase (including a 1.41 percent COLA). Of this amount, \$30 million is for remedial summer school for pupils retained or identified as at risk of retention in grades 7–9.

- \$122.1 million is provided from the General Fund for core summer school, a 7per cent increase (including a 1.41 percent COLA).
 - District entitlements for the core summer school programs are capped at 7per cent of prior-year enrollment, multiplied by 120 hours and an hourly rate of \$2.53 (after deficit).
 - After funding core academic summer school programs at 7 percent, any unexpended balance of the appropriation may be reallocated to fund any deficit in mandated proficiency (remedial) summer school programs.
 - After funding any deficit in mandated proficiency summer school programs, any unexpended balance may be reallocated for reimbursement of actual summer school programs, up to 10 percent of a district's total enrollment.
 - The balance of the appropriation may be used to reimburse costs for pupils in grades 2–6 at risk of retention or with low Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program scores. Any remaining balance may be used to fund up to \$100,000 for general vocational work experience.
- \$77.6 million is provided for supplemental instructional programs for pupils in grades 2–6 who are retained or are recommended for, or at risk of, retention and for pupils with low STAR scores. This amount includes funding for a 1.41 percent COLA.
 - The statewide cap of 10 percent of statewide total enrollment in grades 2–6 is multiplied by 120 hours and an hourly rate of \$2.53 (after deficit).
 - The district cap of 5 percent of statewide enrollment in grades 2–6 is multiplied by 120 hours and an hourly rate of \$2.68.

- District priorities of service for pupils in grades 2–6 are as follows:
 - a. Retained
 - b. Recommended for, or at risk of, retention
 - c. Low STAR score(s)
- If the capped amount for grades 2–6 is fully expended, then the district may claim against any remainder of the \$77.6 million provided for supplemental instructional programs for retained pupils in grades 2–6 up to 10 percent of enrollment.

CDE Staff Comments

Local educational agencies are required to offer summer school or other remedial instruction to students who are retained in grades 2–9 and to provide remedial instruction to students in these grades who are identified as being at risk of retention or who have low scores on the state’s STAR program. Remedial classes may be offered before or after school, on Saturdays, or during the summer.

Funding for 1999 summer school and supplemental instruction is based on the number of student hours reported on Form J-18/19, Report of Attendance. See “Calendar of Key Deadlines for 1999-00 Apportionments” (Appendix 1) for the dates for reporting apportionment information.

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